

1 [Declaring the National Rifle Association as a Domestic Terrorist Organization]

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3 **Resolution declaring that the National Rifle Association is a domestic terrorist**
4 **organization and urging other cities, states, and the federal government to do the**
5 **same.**

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7 WHEREAS, The United States is plagued by an epidemic of gun violence, including
8 over 36,000 deaths, and 100,000 injuries each year, and

9 WHEREAS, Every day approximately 100 Americans are killed with guns, and

10 WHEREAS, There has been more than one mass shooting per day in the United
11 States in 2019, and

12 WHEREAS, The gun homicide rate in the United States is 25 times higher than any
13 other high-income country in the world, and

14 WHEREAS, On July 28, 2019, Gilroy, California became the 243rd community in the
15 United States to be the victim of a mass shooting, and

16 WHEREAS, Stephen Romero, age 6, Keyla Salazar, age 13, and Trevor Irby, age 25,
17 were murdered in the senseless act of gun violence that day, and

18 WHEREAS, There have been at least three mass shootings since the events in Gilroy,
19 and the number continues to grow, and

20 WHEREAS, Reported hate crimes have increased by double digits since 2015, and

21 WHEREAS, There are over 393,000,000 guns in the United States, which exceeds the
22 country's current total population, and

23 WHEREAS, Our elected representatives, including the President, have taken an oath
24 swearing to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies,
25 foreign and domestic."

1 WHEREAS, The United States Declaration of Independence declared that life, liberty,
2 and the pursuit of happiness are unalienable rights, and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution specifically delineates that the country was
4 founded to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and promote the general welfare, and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice defines terrorist activity, in part,
6 as, "The use of any...explosive, firearm, or other weapon or dangerous device, with intent to
7 endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individuals or to cause substantial
8 damage to property;" and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice further includes any individual or
10 member of an organization commits an act that the actor knows, or reasonably should know,
11 affords material support, including communications, funds, weapons, or training to any
12 individual has committed or plans to commit a terrorist act, and

13 WHEREAS, The National Rifle Association musters its considerable wealth and
14 organizational strength to promote gun ownership and incite gun owners to acts of violence,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The National Rifle Association spreads propaganda that misinforms and
17 aims to deceive the public about the dangers of gun violence, and

18 WHEREAS, The leadership of National Rifle Association promotes extremist positions,
19 in defiance of the views of a majority of its membership and the public, and undermine the
20 general welfare, and

21 WHEREAS, The National Rifle Association through its advocacy has armed those
22 individuals who would and have committed acts of terrorism; and

23 WHEREAS, All countries have violent and hateful people, but only in America do we
24 give them ready access to assault weapons and large-capacity magazines thanks, in large
25 part, to the National Rifle Association's influence; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco intends to declare the National
2 Rifle Association a domestic terrorist organization; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco should take every
4 reasonable step to assess the financial and contractual relationships our vendors and
5 contractors have with this domestic terrorist organization; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco should take every
7 reasonable step to limit those entities who do business with the City and County of San
8 Francisco from doing business with this domestic terrorist organization; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco should encourage
10 all other jurisdictions, including other cities, states, and the federal government, to adopt
11 similar positions.